

REMINISCENCES FROM THE LIFE OF ATHANASIVS KARLIN:

THE FAMILY TREE OF THE KARLIN FAMILY

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Catharine Township
Ellis County, Kansas

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My ancestors emigrated from Germany (Saxony) to Russia in the year 1762 or 1763. The first ones of our ancestors who went to Russia were two orphans, whose names were Peter and Karl Karlin (as I learnt from my father), both being of Lutheran faith. But Peter received as guardian a good Catholic by the name of Kaltner. He saw to it that Peter was brought up a Catholic and converted to the faith. This Peter is our forefather. Thus far goes the tradition. Karl got a Lutheran guardian and remained Lutheran, therefore the Lutheran Karlins in Russia.

Peter married (nothing further is known to me about his wife) and had a son Michael, my great-grandfather.

Michael married the young widow Herder (the Herder family had died out with his death) and took over the Herder's estate (hence our byname Herder). Michael had 3 sons and one daughter, Wilhelmiua. She married a Schueler (the blind Schueler). The sons were Johann Friedrich, my grandfather (he died December 8, 1863 at the age of 68), Franz and Peter (Franz became the grandfather of Heinrich Karlin here in this town).

Johann Friedrich, my grandfather married Anna Elisabeth Weulert. Six children were born to them, two sons, the elder my father Friedrich and my uncle Karl. The daughters were: Anna Maria who married Friedrich Dorzweulert,
Bissing, Margaretha " " Jakob
Walter, Christiana " " Friedrich
Beilman. Dorothea " " Johannes

Friedrich, my father, born July 9, 1821, married my mother Maria Beilman, born June 25, 1825. They lived happily together for 49 years and 7 months. Twelve children came from this marriage, seven sons and 5 daughters:

The 1st son Friedrich died as a baby
 2nd child Margaretha
 3rd " Johann
 4th " Peter
 5th " Jakob
 6th " Emilie
 7th " Athanasius
 8th " Maria
 9th " Anna died 4 years old
 10th " Josephina died 3 years old
 11th " Andreas died 3 months old
 12th " Heinrich died 4 months old

My grandfather's name was Lorenz Beilman from Vollmer, a village about 50 miles from Catharinenstadt, Russia.

Grandmother Eva Beilman, nee Hildman came too, from a village on the meadow site (Wiesenseit); both of them had been no Catharinenstadter till they bought themselves in, later on. I knew grandmother, but not grandfather. My mother's brothers and

sisters were, four brothers: 1 Heinrich, the oldest became Doctor
 2 Lorenz,
 3 Kaspar,
 4 Andreas, the oldest became the grandfather (youngest) of Peter Beilman from Hays. (he was from the first wife)

Her two sisters were: Mariakatharine, married to Friedrich Wolf (Heinrich Wolfs father); and Margaretha married to Nicolaus Matz. The latter had no children and were rich. An adopted girl inherited everything. There was also a stepsister (from grandfather's first wife) whose name I do not know."

When my brothers and sisters were born and whom they married

Margaretha born September 21, 1846, married Karl Koerner on May 28, 1863.

Koerner died in the insane asylum at Topeka, Kansas.

She married again September 1900, Gottfried Speier from Mungor, Kansas.

Johann, born February 28, 1849, married Agnes, the daughter of Heinrich Schueler, January 28, 1863.

Peter, born October 6, 1851, married Anna Staab, daughter of Johann Jakob Staab, February 2, 1873.

Jakob, born March 9, 1854, married Anna Mayer, daughter of Jakob Mayer, on January

26, 1875. Anna died August 1903 in New Mexico, R.I.P. He married again, a widow, Margretha Fersis, nee Faller, daughter of Heinrich Faller. In 1911, August 8, she was murdered in her home in New Mexico, R.I.P.

Emilie, born November 30, 1856, married Andreas Schmitt, son of the old schoolmaster Jakob Schmitt, May 13, 1875

Maria, born February 14, 1861, married on January 29, 1879 to Justus Walter, son of Jakob Walter and brother of August Walter who with his stepsons Heinrich and Alfred Pelzl moved to Barber County, Kansas on January 20, 1913

Athanasius, I was born May 1, 1859. I married my wife Dorothea Schutz, born October 13, 1860. Her grandparents were Johann Schutz and Katharina Margaretha nee Leikam. Her parents: Her father was Justus Schutz, born March 7, 1836, died Sept. 8, 1873. He lived in happy marriage with his wife Anna Maria for 19 years when death over took him. He left behind his still young wife and eight children, the eldest girl Anna, 10 years old. Her brothers and sisters: Anna Schutz, the oldest, married Jakob Welz. I have to state here that my aunt Christiana Walter has been married before with a Welz and that this Jakob, who lives here, is my cousin.

Margaretha died in childhood
Dorothea Schütz, my wife
Emilie married Peter Walter
Johannes married Emilie Meier
Cecillia married Karl Leikam
Jakob married Anna Beilman
Katharina married Alexander Staab
Paulina was a child of 17 months when her father died. R.I.P."

My father-in-law, Justus Schutz married Anna Maria, my mother-in-law, nee Schmitt, on May 20, 1856.

My mother-in-law's parents were Andreas Schmitt and Anna Elisabeth Schmitt nee Schieler, My mother-in-law's brothers were: Peter Schmitt, August Schmitt and Jakob Schmitt. They also had a sister Maria who married a Weulert.